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and no definite size, esp. the vegetative stage of a myxomycete 2 any of a genus (*Plasmodium*) of unicellular sporozoans found in red blood corpuscles, including the parasites that cause malaria: *plas-mo-lysis* (plaz mō' līs) *n.* [ModL: see *PLASMO-* & *-LYSIS*] *Biol.* a shrinking of the protoplasm of a living cell due to loss of water by osmosis

plas-mo-lyze (plaz'mō līz) *vt., vi., -lyzed', -lyzing* to subject to or undergo plasmolysis

Plas-sey (plā'sē) *village* in West Bengal, India, north of Calcutta: scene of a decisive victory (1757) by which the British established their rule in India

plast (plast) [< Gr *plastos*, formed < *plassein*, to form: see *PLASTIC*] combining form a unit of protoplasm (*chromoplast*)

plaster (plas'ter) *n.* [ME < OE *plaster* & OFr *plastre*, both < LL *plastrum*, for *Emplastrum*. < Gr *emplastron*, plaster < *emplassein*, to daub over < *en*, on, in + *plassein*, to form: see *PLASTIC*] 1 a pasty mixture, as of lime or gypsum, sand, and water, which hardens on drying; for coating walls, ceilings, and partitions 2 **PLASTER OF PARIS** 3 a pasty preparation spread on cloth and applied to the body, used medicinally as a curative or counterirritant — *vt.* 1. to cover, smear, overlay, etc. with or as with plaster 2 to apply or affix like a plaster [to *plaster* posters on walls] 3 to make lie smooth and flat 4 to apply plaster of Paris as a treatment 5 [Colloq.] to affect or strike with force — *plas'ter'er n.* — *plas'ter'y adj.*

plaster-board (-bōrd') *n.* thin board consisting of a core of plaster of Paris covered with heavy paper, used in wide sheets as a base or substitute for plaster in walls, partitions, etc.

plaster cast 1 a copy or mold of a statue or other object, cast in plaster of Paris 2 *Surgery* a rigid cast to hold a fractured bone in place and prevent movement, made by wrapping the limb or part with a bandage soaked in wet plaster of Paris

plas-tered (plas'terd) *adj.* [pp. of *PLASTER*; orig: military slang] [Slang] intoxicated; drunk

plas-ter-ing (plas'ter'ing) *n.* 1 the act or process of applying plaster 2 a coating of plaster as on wall

plaster of Paris [from use of gypsum from Montmartre in Paris in its manufacture] a heavy white powder, calcined gypsum, which, when mixed with water, forms a thick paste that sets quickly; used for casts, moldings, statuary, etc.

plaster-work (plas'tar, wörk') *n.* a finish or decorative work done by plastering

plastic (plas'tik) *adj.* [LL *plasticus* < Gr *plastikos* < *plassein*, to form, prob. < IE base *plā-, flat, to smooth out] 1 molding or shaping matter; formative 2 *a* capable of being molded or shaped; *b* made of a plastic 3 in a flexible or changing state; impressionable 4 dealing with molding or modeling, as in sculpture — *5 a* characterized by exhibiting superficiality or a lack of originality; dehumanized; mass-produced /the plastic world of television advertising/ *b* hypocritically false or synthetic; phony /a plastic smile/ — *6* [Colloq.] or of designating a credit card or credit cards; or credit based on their use /plastic money/ 7 *Biol.* capable of readily changing or adapting in form, physiology, or behavior; 8 *Med. a* of or helpful in the renewal of destroyed or injured tissue *b* that can be so renewed 9 *Physics.* capable of continuous and permanent change of shape in any direction without breaking apart — *n.* 1 any of various nonmetallic compounds, synthetically produced, usually from organic compounds by polymerization, which can be molded into various forms and hardened, or formed into pliable sheets or films, fibers, flexible and hard foams, etc. for commercial use 2 something made of plastic 3 [Colloq.] a credit card or credit cards, or credit based on their use — *SYN.* PLIABLE — *plas'ti-cally adv.* — *plas'tic-ty* (-tis'ē tē) *n.*

plastic (plas'tik) [< Gr *plastikos*; see *prec.*] combining form forming adjectives 1 forming, developing (*homoplastic*) 2 of or relating to (a given noun ending in *-PLASM*, *-PLAST*, or *-PLASTY*) /*rhinoplastic*

plastic arts 1 arts producing works or effects that are three-dimensional, as sculpture or ceramics 2 arts producing works to be viewed, as sculpture, architecture, painting, and the graphic arts, as distinguished from those involving writing or composing, as music or literature

plastic bomb a puttylike substance containing explosives, that will adhere to walls, etc. and is detonated by fuse or electricity

Plas-ti-cine (plas'ti sēn') [PLASTIC + *-INE*] trademark for an oil-base modeling paste, used as a substitute for clay or wax Also *plas-ti-cene* (-sēn')

plas-ti-cize (plas'ti siz') *vt., vi., -cized', -cizing* to make or become plastic — *plas-ti-ci-za-tion n.*

plas-ti-cizer (-sēz'r) *n.* any of various liquid or solid organic substances added to plastics, paints, etc. to modify viscosity, flexibility, or strength

plastic memory the tendency of certain plastics, after being deformed to resume their original form when heated

plastic surgery surgery dealing with the repair, or restoration of injured, deformed, or destroyed parts of the body, esp. by transferring tissue, as skin or bone, from other parts or from another individual — *plastic surgeon*

plas-tid (plas'tid) *n.* [Ger *plastiden* (pl.) < Gr *plastides*, pl. of *plastis*, fem. of *plastes*, molder < *plassein*, to form: see *PLASTIC*] any of several specialized protoplasmic structures occurring in the cytoplasm of some plant cells, in which starch, oil, protein, pigment, etc. are stored

plas-tique (plas tek') *n.* [Fr.] 1 *PLASTIC BOMB* 2 the technique or action of making very slow movements in dancing or pantomime, like a statue in motion

plas-ti-sol (plas'ti sōl', -sōl') *n.* [PLASTI(c) + *SOL*'] a liquid dispersion

consisting of very small particles of resin in a plasticizer; when heated, the mass first gels and then fuses to become a thermoplastic used as a coating, for molding, etc.

plas-to-gene (plas'tō jēn') *n.* [< Gr *plastos*, formed (see *PLASTIC*) + *-gene*, -GEN] a separate genetic particle associated with, and influencing the activity of, the plastids

plas-tron (plas'trōn, -trōn') *n.* [Fr < *piastre* < *piastre*; see *PLATE*] 1 a metal breastplate worn under a coat of mail 2 a padded protector worn over the chest by fencers 3 a trimming like a dog's collar, worn on the front of a woman's dress 4 a starched shirt-front

5 the lower, ventral part of the shell of a turtle or tortoise

plas-ti-ty (plas'tē) [Gr *plastia* < *plastos*, formed < *plassein*, to form: see *PLASTIC*] combining form plastic surgery involving a specific part of the body, source of tissue, or purpose /*rhinoplasty*, *plasty*, *neoplasty*/

plas-ti-ty (plas'tē, plas'tē) combining form *-PLAS-TI-CY*

plat (plat) *vt.* *plated*, *plat'ting* [ME *platten*, var. of *platte*] 1 *PLATE* [Dial.] to plait or braid — *n.* [Dial.] a plait or braid

plat (plat) *n.* [var. of *plot*, infl. by ME, flat < OFr: see *PLATE*] 1 a small piece of ground: 2 a map or plan, esp. of a piece of land divided into building lots — *vt.* *plat'ted*, *plat'ting* to make a map or plan

plat (plat) combining form *PLAT-*

plat abbrev. 1 plateau 2 *Mill.* platoon

Plata (plā'tā), *Río de la* (rē'ō dē lā) estuary of the Paraná & Uruguay rivers, between Argentina & Uruguay: c. 200 mi. (320 km.) E name River Plate

Pla-taeja (pla tē'ā) ancient city in Boeotia, EC Greece: site of a hub (479 B.C.) in which the Greeks defeated the Persians: also *Plataea* (-ē)

plat an *plat an* (plat'ān) *n.* *PLANE*

plat du jour (plat dū zhōōr') *pl.* *plats du jour* (plat') [Fr, dish of the day] the featured dish of the day in a restaurant

plat (plat) *n.* [Fr, flat object < fem. of *plat*, flat < VL *platu*] 1 a smooth, flat, relatively thin piece of metal or other material 2 a sheet of metal made by bending, rolling, or casting 3 *a* any of the thin sheets of metal; *plastic* used in one kind of armor (*plate armor*) *b* such armor 4 *a* flat piece of metal on which an engraving is, or is to be, cut; the impression taken from the engraved metal 5 a print of a woodlithograph, etc., esp. when used in a book 6 a full-page book illustration of any kind, printed on paper of a stock different from that of the text 7 *a* dishes, utensils, etc. of silver or gold, collectively metal dishes, utensils, etc., or any metallic ware, plated with gold 8 a shallow dish, usually circular, from which food is eaten

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plat (plat) *10* the food in a dish; a course /a fruit *plat*/ 11 *feasting* service for an individual at a meal /dinner at twenty dollars a *plat*/ 12 a dish or other container passed in churches, etc. for donations of money 13 *a* a prize, orig. a gold or silver cup, given to the winner of a race or contest 14 *a* a contest, esp. a horse race, for such a prize rather than for stakes (also called *plate race*) 14 *PLATE DISH* 15 *a* thin cut of beef from the forequarter; just below the short rib 16 *BEER*, illus. 16 *Anat.*, *Zool.* thin layer, plate, or scale, as of bone, horny tissue; lamina; scute 17 *Archit.* a horizontal wooden girder that supports the trusses or rafters of a roof 18 *Baseball*: short for *HOME PLATE* 19 *Dentistry* *a* that part of an artificial denture that fits into the mouth and holds the teeth; *b* [often *plat*] loosely, a full set of false teeth 20 *Elec.* *ANODE* (senses 1 & 2) 21 *Phila-tely* 1 impression surface from which a sheet of postage stamps is printed 22 *Photog.* a sheet of glass, metal, etc., coated with a film sensitive to light, upon which the image is formed 23 *Printing* a casting or printing from, made from a mold of set type or from a negative prepared as by photocomposition — *vt.* *plat'ted*, *plat'ting* to lay or coat with gold, silver, tin, etc. by a mechanical, chemical, or electrical process 2 to cover, as with metal, plates for protection to make a printing plate of

plat-eau (pla tō') *n.* *plat* or *-teaux* (-tōz') [Fr < OFr *plat*, flat; see *prec.*] 1 an elevated tract of more or less level land; mesa 2 a period, level, etc. of relative stability or relatively little change, as can be shown by a flat extent on a graph 3 *a* specific, a period in which an individual's learning rate does not improve — *vt.* to become relatively stable or constant, as in *plate-block* *Phila-tely* a block of postage stamps with a serial number (plate number) in the margin

plat-ed (plat'ēd) *adj.* 1 covered or protected with plates; *plat* 2 knitted of two kinds of yarn, one forming the face and the other the back 3 overlaid or coated with a metal, esp. a precious one: *plating process* /silver-plated/

plat-e-ful (plat'fūl) *n.* *plat* — *ful*s as much as a plate will hold

plat-e glass ground and polished, clear glass in thick sheets used for shop windows, mirrors, etc.

plat-e-let (plat'lit) *n.* [PLATE + *-LET*] 1 any of certain round, nonnucleated disks, smaller than a red blood cell and containing hemoglobin, found in the blood of mammals and associated with the process of blood clotting 2 *THROMBOCYTE* (sense 1) 1973

plat-en (plat'ēn) *n.* [ME *platene* < OFr *platine*, flat plate, plate] *1* a flat metal plate; as that in a printing press which presses the paper against the inked type 2 *a* in a typewriter, the roller against which the keys strike 3 *a* in a typewriter, the roller against which the keys strike

plat-er (plat'ēr) *n.* *1* a person or thing that plates 2 *beetle* 3 *a* inferior race horse

plat-e rail a shaflike molding along the upper part of a wall or fence for holding ornamental plates, etc.

plat-e tectonics *Geol.* the theory that the earth's surface consists of plates, or large crustal slabs, whose constant motion explains continental drift, mountain building, etc.

plat-form (plat'fōrm') *n.* [Fr *plate-forme*, lit., flat-form: see *PLATE*] 1 a raised horizontal surface of wood, stone, or metal

2) a raised stage or flooring or stage for performance of principles and policies, esp. designating a thick sole of cork, leather & shoe with such a sole.

plat-form bed a bed consisting of a mat on legs, often with the space below enclosed

plat-form rocker a rocking chair that swivels on a base

plat-form scale(s) a weighing machine whatever is to be weighed

plat-form tennis *PADDLE TENNIS*

plat (plat), *Sylvia* 1932-63; U.S. poet

plat-ing (plat'ēng) *n.* 1. the act or process of plating

2) an external layer of metal plating, tin, etc.

plat-inic (plat'ēn'ik) *adj.* of, like, or containing platinum

plat-inize (plat'ēn'iz') *vt.* *-nized*, *-nized* platinum — *plat-in-i-za-tion n.*

plat-in-o-cy-a-nide (plat'ēn'ō sī'ē nīd') cyanide and another cyanide

plat-inoid (plat'ēn'oid') *adj.* [PLATINUM-noid] 1. an alloy of copper, nickel, and platinum resistance coils, etc. 2 any n

plat-nous (plat'ēn'as) *adj.* of, like, or containing platinum

plat-num (plat'ēn'um) *n.* [ModL < Sp *platino*] metal plate, silver bar, silver, *etc.* silvery, malleable, ductile metallic chemical element, symbol Pt, at. wt. 195.09, at. no. 77, *T22* C, boil. pt. 3,827°C. — *adj.* [t

plat-ed, copy, awarded to, the performing artist, disc, video, etc. which has registered as two million, or value, as \$1

greater number or value than gold

plat-num black a black powder of fine particles, made by reduction of platinum salts: used in synthesis

plat-num blonde 1 a girl or woman with natural or bleached 2 such a color

plat-num metal any of a group of *ruthenium*, *rhodium*, *palladium*, *osmium*

plat-tude (plat'ē tūd', -tyōōd') *n.* [Fr *latitude*, rectitude] 1 a compass

in speech or writing 2 a commonplaceness as if it were fresh or original

— *adj.* *plat-tu-tu-dinously adv.*

plat-tu-din *plat-tu-din* is a trite remark or idiom, or momentous; a commonplace remark or idea; a *truism* is a statement whose utterance, therefore, seems superfluous which, though once fresh and forceful, through much repetition; *bromide* is that is especially dull, tiresome, or annoying

plat-tu-dinize (plat'ē tōōd'ē lē', -tyōōd'ē lē', -tyōōd'ē) *vt.* write or speak platitudes

plat-to (plat'ō) [Gr *Platon*] c. 427-c. 347

plat-onic (plat'ōn'ik, -plāt'ōn'ik) *adj.* [i] *plat* or characteristic of Plato or his philosophy

plat-onical 3; [usually p.] designating between a man and a woman that is and without sexual activity — *plat-onic*

plat-onic year *CREAT YEAR*

plat-onism (plat'ōn'iz'm) *n.* [ModL *plat-onismus* or *plat-on'* or *his*'s school, esp. the doctrine] are real insofar as they imitate realm of immutable essences constitute the world of essential reality; practice of platonic love — *plat-onist*

plat-onize (plat'ōn'iz') *vt.* *-nized*, *-nized* *plat-onize* philosophize in a Platonic manner

plat-onon (pla tōōn') *n.* [Fr *peloton*, *pelote*, a ball; see *PELLET*] 1 a military unit, or squad, or sections, normally unit; it is a subdivision of a company, like this *a* platoon of police/ 3 *Sport* (as the offensive and defensive squad subtiring a single team — *vt.* 1 to divide a platoon *vt.* 2 *Sports* to alternate

between two rookies in right field/ — *vt.* another player at a position 2 to play

plat-onon sergeant *U.S. Army* the senior

a platoon; equal in grade to a sergeant

plat-onisch (plat'ōōtsh') *n.* [Ger *< plato*, lit.; flat (< OFr: see *PLATE*) + *isch*, and] the West German dialects of *plat-onisch* (*plat*) < Fr *Rivière Platte*, central Nebr. by the North Platte & westward into the Missouri: 310 mi. (4

plat-on-er (plat'ōōr) *n.* [ME *platere* < Anglo-Saxon *platian*] 1 a large, shallow, dish, usually oval, for holding ornamental plates, etc.

plat-on-ic *plat* & *ic* records are played 3 [Slang]

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National Park (*plat*) [after O. H.